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## Sheriff makes narcotics arrest

**Department seizes 5.5 lbs. of meth and an ounce of fentanyl**

By Jeremy D. Wells  
*Carter County Times*

Officers with the Carter County Sheriff's Department made an arrest the weekend before Christmas that took five and a half pounds of methamphetamine and an ounce of fentanyl off the street before they could be distributed.

According to a release from the office of Carter County

Sheriff Jeff May, the arrest was the result of an ongoing narcotics investigation by his office. May stated that information obtained as part of that investigation, "led to a search which recovered a substantial amount of narcotics before they could be distributed in our communities."

During the stop, May explained, the department's K9, Rambo, alerted on the vehicle, resulting in the seizure of the narcotics, and the arrest of 35 year old Dominique Barron. According to a release from the sheriff's office, Barron is from Detroit, Michigan. His information with the Carter County Detention Center, however, lists a home address of

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*Dominique Barron, 35, was arrested last weekend on charges of trafficking in fentanyl and methamphetamine. (submitted photo)*

## East Carter turns pressure into power

**Earns rivalry win over West Carter**

By Brayleigh Boggs  
*Carter County Times*

East Carter and West Carter opened their Tuesday night matchup with the kind of physical, defensive-heavy basketball that always seems to surface when the county rivals meet. West struck first, jumping

out to a 4-0 lead behind strong rebounding from Sydney Cecil (10), who controlled the glass early and helped the Comets dictate the opening minutes.

East Carter finally broke through when Avery Hall (4) knocked down a three to cut the deficit to 4-3, but both teams struggled to find rhythm as turnovers piled up on each end. Coach Matt Clark settled down his team and made some adjustments, and the shift paid off. Hall grabbed a rebound and

See **EAST CARTER** on A-8



*East Carter's Josie Rudd (10) prepares to shoot a free throw. (Photo by Brayleigh Boggs, Carter County Times)*

## One million pounds for the hungry

**Daily Bread Food Pantry distributes 500 tons of food in 2025**

By Charles Romans  
*Carter County Times*

Pam Wilburn of The Daily Bread Food Pantry on Rt 60 in Grayson said she was truly amazed that the pantry had collected one million pounds of food for the hungry in Carter County since January 1, 2025.

"There was a lot of canned food and dry goods," Wilburn said. "But there was also a lot of

produce including potatoes and apples."

Wilburn said a lot of what Daily Bread receives is supplied by God's Food Bank. And once per month she receives a semi-trailer load from the Christian Appalachian Project.

The process of distributing that much food to those in need begins with Daily Bread having a food giveaway on the first Saturday of the month. They also administer a grocery store (for Carter County residents 65 and older) that is open once per week where those in need can come in and shop for their food needs. Wilburn said both the food giveaways and the grocery store shopping days are all completely free to those in need.

Wilburn said that unfortunate-

ly there are a lot of hungry people in Carter County, and Daily Bread does their best to help ease that problem.

"But there are also a lot of people who just need a little help to get through the end of the month," she said. "We see that a lot because people are just stretched so thin. They have food; but at the end of the month that can get very thin for them."

Wilburn said that, especially in the case of grandparents raising their grandchildren, money becomes much more insufficient. Government food programs such as KCHIP might be incredibly low in those cases, and the grandparents who are living on fixed incomes (that count

See **FOOD PANTRY** on A-8

## Weekly arrests report

The following individuals were arrested and booked into the Carter County Detention Center over the past week. This list includes local arrests only. It does not include federal inmates being housed at or transported through the detention center.

- Travis Craft, 36, of Ashland, arrested by Boyd County Jail, on charges of contempt of court – libel/slander – resistance to order, arrested and booked December 15.
- James Conn, 50, of Olive Hill, arrested by Grayson PD, on charges of no registration receipt, no registration plates, failure to maintain required insurance, and driving on a DUI suspended license, arrested and booked December 15.
- Jasmine Siler, 22, of Williamsburg, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on charges of mur-

der, first degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine), and possession of drug paraphernalia, arrested and booked December 16.

- Haley Kiser, 26, of Olive Hill, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on a charge of first degree assault, arrested and booked December 16.
- Malachi Gilliam, 20, of Deltona, FL, arrested by Grayson PD, on charges of reckless driving, and improper start from a parked position, arrested and booked December 17.
- James Prichard, 50, of Olive Hill, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, for non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines, arrested and booked December 18.
- Darian Wallace, 22, of Grayson, arrested by Grayson PD, for failure to appear, arrested and booked December 18.

- Charles Wages, 23, of Grayson, arrested by Grayson PD, on a charge of first degree criminal abuse of a child 12 or under, arrested and booked December 18.
- William Yeager, 65, of Olive Hill, self-surrender, weekender, arrested and booked December 19.
- William Evans, 68, of Grayson, arrested by Grayson PD, on charges of operating a motor vehicle under the influence of a controlled substance, failure to wear seat belts, failure to use or improper signal, disregarding stop sign, and no registration receipt, arrested and booked December 19.
- Colton Memmott, 32, of Fort Gay, WV, arrested agency unavailable, for non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines, arrested and booked December 20.
- Thomas Shoemaker, 60, of Olive Hill, arrested by Olive Hill

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**This Week's Obituaries**

**Homer Lee Barker, 81**  
**Frances Hammonds Parker, 92**  
**James "Jamie" Leonard Pennington, 43**

**Pamela Lynn Hartley Staggs, 64**  
**Verlena Kaye "Bean" Middleton Turner, 53**

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# LIFESTYLE



## The regal recipe to carry you from Christmas to the New Year

After the whirlwind of Christmas cooking, I like to glide into the last week of the year with recipes that practically make themselves. This is the stretch when time feels wobbly, leftovers rule the fridge and we're all leaning toward lighter meals that don't require much effort. Let me introduce you to an old classic: Coronation Chicken Salad, the make-ahead marvel we all need right now.

If you've ever enjoyed English tea sandwiches, you've likely met this jewel of a recipe. Created in 1953 for Queen Elizabeth II's coronation luncheon, it has been gracing tea tables and ladies' luncheons ever since. Think of

it as chicken salad that went to finishing school but still knows how to have fun. This is an ideal "between holidays" dish. It can be made ahead, improves overnight and waits patiently in the fridge until hunger strikes.

The magic comes from a creamy dressing kissed with curry, a bit of fruit for sweetness, a squeeze of lemon for brightness and toasted almonds for crunch. It's comforting yet fresh, transforming humble chicken into something fit for a celebration.

Below is the classic version, made from scratch. But here's a secret: This recipe is wonderfully forgiving. Leftover roast chicken works beautifully, and a rotisserie chicken is a perfectly acceptable shortcut.

A note on mango chutney: Many traditional recipes call for Major Grey's mango chutney. It does add subtle depth, but not enough to justify buying a whole jar for just a few tablespoons, unless you plan to make this often or already enjoy chutney.

### CORONATION CHICKEN SALAD

Yield: 8 servings  
Total Time: 50 minutes

1 1/4 pounds (4 cups) cooked chicken, diced (all breasts or a mix)

- 1/2 cup sliced almonds, toasted
- 3/4 cup mayonnaise, plus more as needed
- 1/2 cup sour cream or plain unsweetened Greek yogurt
- 1 tablespoon curry powder, plus more to taste
- 1/4 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1 1/2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 1/2 teaspoon granulated sugar
- 3/4 cup diced celery
- 1/2 cup finely sliced shallots, green onions or scallions (I used a mix)
- 1 teaspoon fine sea salt, to taste
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper, to taste
- 1/2 cup diced dried apricots and/or dried mango (I used half of each)
- 1/4 cup golden raisins
- Optional - 2 tablespoons mango chutney

Shred or cut the chicken into small, evenly sized pieces (about 1/2-inch). Toast the almonds. Set aside.

In a large bowl, whisk together the mayonnaise, sour cream or yogurt, curry powder, ginger, lemon juice and sugar. Add celery, onions, salt and pepper. Stir to combine. Fold in the chicken, almonds and dried fruit. Add a little more mayo if it looks dry. Season and adjust flavors to your liking: with additional salt and pepper, more curry for warmth,



The salad that turns leftovers into something fit for a queen. (Photo Credit: www.JasonCoblentz.com)

more lemon for zing. Allow the salad to rest in the fridge at least 30 minutes before serving. The flavors bloom over time, and it keeps beautifully for up to four days.

#### Serving Ideas:

- Spoon onto crackers for an instant snack.
- Serve over mixed greens for a lighter lunch.
- Serve with basmati rice.
- Make tea sandwiches or mini croissants for a New Year's brunch board.
- Roll into lettuce cups to balance out a month of cookies.

As we wrap up one year and step (thankfully) into the next, here's a recipe that makes it all

feel easier. A little sweet, a little savory and a whole lot of comfort. And that, my friends, feels like the right way to start 2026. Happy New Year from Divas On A Dime!

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## Joyful Noise

# Fruit in season

By Pastor Naomi Mitchell for *Carter County Times*

I love good fruits in season. I love apples and oranges, grapes, strawberries, blueberries and the list goes on. But they are best in their season! January: Oranges, grapefruits, lemons, and kiwis. February: Blood oranges, grapefruits, and lemons. March: Strawberries, pineapples, and rhubarb. April: Strawberries, apricots, and cherries. May: Cherries, strawberries, and blueberries. June: Blueberries, raspberries, and peaches. July: Peaches, plums, and blackberries. August: Watermelons, cantaloupes, and figs. September: Apples, pears, and grapes. October: Apples,

pears, and pomegranates. November: Persimmons, cranberries, and kiwis. December: Oranges, grapefruits, and pomegranates. At the grocery store these are in the "produce" department.

So, there you have it. Isn't God just wonderful! He spreads the growing and harvesting of these delicious healthy fruits over many seasons. Disappointment happens when we buy good looking fruit out of season. There is no taste, even when we inspect the fruit at the store before we purchase it.

The Fruit of the Spirit is similar. There are certain seasons we grow and harvest during certain times in our lives. We will know

when we are not in season with certain fruit and others will know, too, by our "attitude (fruit) of the day" when things aren't going as planned.

There are nine qualities (fruit) that the Holy Spirit "produces" in the life of a believer.

Love: Love chooses the highest good of others even when it costs you. It reflects the heart of God in every decision.

Joy: Joy is deep, steady gladness that comes from knowing God is with you and for you regardless of circumstances.

Peace: Peace is the calm confidence that God is in control. It quiets fear and anchors your soul.

Patience: Patience is strength under pressure. It is trusting God's timing instead of forcing your own.

Kindness: Kindness  
See *JOYFUL NOISE* on A-3

## Ask Daryl: Your Professional Organizer

# Organizing a great year

I hope you had a Merry Christmas, readers!

I hope you've all had a wonderful holiday full of laughter, great food, and good times with family and friends.

We are coming up on a brand new year and I'm looking forward to being here to answer your organizing questions. In 2026, I will be focusing on

DIY organizing projects with special events and new perspectives for

getting organized. So, pack up those decorations and get ready to refresh your living spaces. From closets to garages, there are so many areas to explore that will set the path for a renewed and organized lifestyle. So, write to me and let me know if there are any subjects you

would like help with to get a little motivation and support.

Be grateful for the year behind and the opportunity to look forward. Breathe deep to bring calm, be kind, be humble, and love who you are and what you can accomplish in this wonderful new year.

It's as simple as that! Send your questions and comments to me at [info@confusionsolution.com](mailto:info@confusionsolution.com)



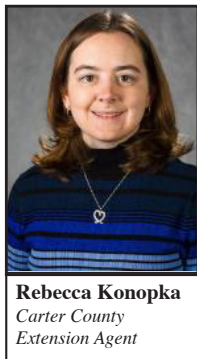
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## University of Kentucky Extension Notes

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Cooperative Extension Service [carter.ca.uky.edu](http://carter.ca.uky.edu)  
AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES

# Beginning farmers encouraged to apply for 2026 KY Farm Launch Program

Have you ever dreamed of starting your own farm but felt overwhelmed by the business side of things? Or maybe you've already dipped your toes into farming and want to take your operation to the next level. If that sounds like you — and you've been farming for less than 10 years — KY Farm Launch might be the perfect opportunity.



Rebecca Konopka  
Carter County Extension Agent

KY Farm Launch is a nine-month, in-person training program based in Lexington, designed specifically for beginning farmers. The program kicks off in March 2026 and runs through November, meeting one full day each week. Best of all? There's no cost to participate, just a commitment to show up and a passion for building your farm business.

This hands-on program is more than just learning how to grow crops or raise livestock. It's about building a sustainable, profitable farm operation. Participants will receive training in production techniques for vegetables, small fruits, beef cattle, sheep, goats

and poultry. KY Farm Launch also dives deep into business planning, marketing strategies and management skills, areas that often seem overwhelming to new farmers. The goal is to take away some of the barriers that discourage people from getting started.

The program is a partnership between the University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service, the Kentucky Center for Agriculture and Rural Development (KCARD), the Kentucky Sheep and Goat Development Office, UKCSA and The Food Connection @ UK. It's funded through a USDA Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program grant, which means participants get access to top-notch resources and expertise at no cost.

Participants will learn from experienced community farmers and Extension staff on UK farms in and around Lexington. You'll get one-on-one mentoring and join a supportive cohort of other beginning farmers who share your challenges and goals.

If you've got less than 10 years of farming experience and the drive to grow your operation, don't miss this chance. Applications for the second class of KY Farm Launch are now open. For more information, contact your Carter County Extension office or visit <https://bfrdp.mgcafe.uky.edu/>. Educational programs of the Cooperative Extension Service serve all people regardless of economic or social status and will not discriminate on the basis of race, color, ethnic origin, national origin, creed, religion, political belief, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expressions, pregnancy, marital status, genetic information, age, veteran status, or physical or mental disability.

- Upcoming Events:**
- Little Sandy Beekeepers – January 6th @ 6:30 PM – Topic - Brainy Bees: Using Honey Bee Brains to Understand Shifts in Behavior
  - Extension District Board – January 13th @ 10:00 AM
  - Livestock Predator Control Program – January 22nd @ 6:00 PM – Boyd County Extension Fairgrounds

## Kentucky Dept of Agriculture Livestock and Grain Market Report

No comparisons available as markets were closed for the holidays.

Week ending 12/27/25

Courtesy of <https://www.kyagr.com/>

|                              | This Week | Prior Week | Last Year |
|------------------------------|-----------|------------|-----------|
| <b>Steers (M&amp;L 1-2)</b>  |           |            |           |
| 350-400 lbs                  |           | 449.95     |           |
| 400-450 lbs                  |           | 427.05     |           |
| 450-500 lbs                  |           | 422.36     |           |
| 500-550 lbs                  |           | 396.61     |           |
| 550-600 lbs                  |           | 384.92     |           |
| 600-650 lbs                  |           | 363.17     |           |
| 650-700 lbs                  |           | 359.60     |           |
| 700-750 lbs                  |           | 336.86     |           |
| 750-800 lbs                  |           | 326.45     |           |
| 800-850 lbs                  |           | 311.58     |           |
| 850-900 lbs                  |           | 302.42     |           |
| <b>Heifers (M&amp;L 1-2)</b> |           |            |           |
| 300-350 lbs                  |           | 400.11     |           |
| 350-400 lbs                  |           | 407.85     |           |
| 400-450 lbs                  |           | 383.76     |           |
| 450-500 lbs                  |           | 371.61     |           |
| 500-550 lbs                  |           | 353.34     | 225.00    |
| 550-600 lbs                  |           | 340.88     |           |
| 600-650 lbs                  | 252.50    | 323.10     |           |
| 650-700 lbs                  |           | 315.97     |           |
| 700-750 lbs                  |           | 309.46     |           |
| 750-800 lbs                  |           | 296.20     |           |

| WEEKLY COW SUMMARY     |               |               |               |
|------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
|                        | Average       | High          | Low           |
| <b>Slaughter Cows</b>  |               |               |               |
| Breakers               | 150.00-165.00 | 167.00-187.00 | 145.00-147.00 |
| Boners                 | 150.00-165.00 | 166.00-194.00 | 140.00-149.00 |
| Lean                   | 130.00-145.00 | 146.00-163.00 | 115.00-129.00 |
| <b>Slaughter Bulls</b> |               |               |               |
| Yield Grade 1&2        | 180.00-195.00 | 196.00-207.00 | 159.00-170.00 |

| Dec 11, 2025                              |   | Bowling Green, KY |  |
|---|---|-------------------|--|
| <b>SLAUGHTER GOATS: 206</b>               |   |                   |  |
| <b>Kids-Selection 1-2</b>                 | 56 lbs 415.00; 73 lbs 370.00; 93 lbs 350.00.  |                   |  |
| <b>Selection 2</b>                        | 64 lbs 402.50; 67 lbs 412.50; 74-75 lbs 260.00-307.50.  |                   |  |
| <b>SLAUGHTER SHEEP: 423</b>               |   |                   |  |
| <b>Hair Breeds-Choice &amp; Prime 1-2</b> | 53-57 lbs 405.00-425.00; 67-69 lbs 375.00-380.00; 80-83 lbs 305.00-360.00; 91 lbs 290.00-295.00; 113-119 lbs 217.50-240.00; 143 lbs 212.50. |                   |  |
| <b>Choice 2</b>                           | 51-57 lbs 405.00-420.00; 67 lbs 360.00; 75 lbs 365.00; 85 lbs 285.00; 110 lbs 255.00.   |                   |  |

|                         | This Week  | Prior Week | Last Year  |
|-------------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| <b>GRAINS</b>           |            |            |            |
| <b>Corn</b>             | 4.27-4.68  | 4.17-4.64  | 4.33-4.76  |
| <b>Soybeans</b>         | 9.87-10.80 | 9.84-10.99 | 9.10-10.23 |
| <b>Red Winter Wheat</b> | 4.62-5.34  | 4.53-5.33  | 4.76-5.30  |

**Arrests** from A-1

PD, on a pair of probation violations (for felony offenses), and single counts each of failure to appear, and non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines, arrested and booked December 20.

- Charles Reynolds, 42, of Olive Hill, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, on a charge of operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol, arrested and booked December 20.
- Dominique Barron, 35, of Riverview, FL, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, on charges of possession of marijuana, trafficking in narcotics (fentanyl), and first degree trafficking in a controlled substance (up to two grams of methamphetamine), arrested and booked December 20.
- Bryan Rice, 52, of Huntington, WV, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, on two counts of non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines, arrested and booked December 21.
- Rachel Bays, 32, of Morehead, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, on charges of receiving stolen property valued between \$1,000 and \$10,000, first degree trafficking in a controlled

substance (up to two grams of methamphetamine), and trafficking in a controlled substance (carfentanil or fentanyl derivatives), arrested and booked December 22.

- Daniel Conn, 53, of Morehead, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, on charges of receiving stolen property valued between \$1,000 and \$10,000, first degree trafficking in a controlled substance (up to two grams of methamphetamine), and trafficking in a controlled substance (carfentanil or fentanyl derivatives), arrested and booked December 22.
- Willie Greenhill, 38, of Flatwoods, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, on charges of receiving stolen property valued between \$1,000 and \$10,000, first degree trafficking in a controlled substance (up to two grams of methamphetamine), and trafficking in a controlled substance (carfentanil or fentanyl derivatives), arrested and booked December 22.
- Shane Baier, 39, of Olive Hill, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, on charges of first degree fleeing or evading police

(on foot), a probation violation (for a felony offense), and non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines, arrested and booked December 22.

- Ashley King, 39, of Olive Hill, arrested by Grayson PD, on a probation violation (for a felony offense), arrested and booked December 23.
- Bryce Jones, 26, of Grayson, arrested by Grayson PD, for failure to appear, arrested and booked December 23.
- Shane James, 55, of Olive Hill, arrested by Elliott County Sheriff, charges unavailable, arrested and booked December 24.
- Kimber Arthurs, 34, of Sandy Hook, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on two counts of non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines, arrested and booked December 24.
- Nicole McDavid, 41, of Grayson, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, serving a warrant for a parole violation, and first degree manslaughter (knowingly selling fentanyl or derivatives), arrested and booked December 25.
- Eric Hilderbrand, 43, of Olive Hill, arrested by Olive Hill PD, on three counts of non-payment

of court costs, fees, or fines, arrested and booked December 26.

- William Yeager, 65, of Olive Hill, self-surrender, weekender, arrested and booked December 26.
- Brayan Hernandez, 24, of Mount Sterling, self-surrender, weekender, arrested and booked December 26.
- Justin Lewis, 42, of Grayson, arrested by Grayson PD, on a charge of violating a Kentucky emergency protective order/domestic violence order, arrested and booked December 26.
- Alphonso Scott, 59, of Chesapeake, OH, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, on charges of operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol, and third degree terroristic threatening, arrested and booked December 27.

All of the charges listed are arrest charges only, and do not indicate an indictment or a conviction for the charges in question. All subjects are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Information is compiled from publicly available sources, but may not be comprehensive.

**Narcotics** from A-1

Riverview, Florida. While the number of doses taken off the street isn't exactly clear, the 28 grams of fentanyl seized would be enough to kill 14,000 people based on DEA data that lists two milligrams of the drug as a lethal dose for most adults. Clinical dosages for fentanyl are measured in micrograms – there are one thousand micrograms in a single milligram

– with pharmaceutical grade tablets starting at 100 micrograms and rarely exceeding 800 micrograms. Ampoules for injection begin at 50 micrograms/mL. Methamphetamine is generally sold in small quantities as well – though not as small as fentanyl – meaning the five and a half pounds of meth seized could have been split into more than 700

“eight balls” weighing one eighth of an ounce, or 3.5 grams, each. You can be charged with trafficking in methamphetamine in Kentucky for amounts as low as two grams or less, with two grams or more qualifying as a first degree offense and a Class C felony. In addition to two charges of trafficking in a controlled substance – one for fentanyl and one

for two or more grams of methamphetamine – listed in the release from the sheriff's office, the arrest information listed on the Carter County Detention Center web page includes an additional charge of possession of marijuana. Contact the writer at editor@cartercountytimes.com

# A great start to a new year

## KCU looks forward to 2026

By Charles Romans  
Carter County Times

As 2025 winds down, many people look toward 2026 and the things they hope to achieve beginning the morning after the Times Square countdown. Some make resolutions that include better diet and exercise habits, finding a better paying job, or perhaps looking toward that final year before retirement. There are even those who plan to make 2026 the

year they return to or begin higher education, whether that is pursuing a conventional degree, learning a skilled trade, or even just going back to school to add to their current credentials. One thing most people don't consider, however, is that educational institutions themselves often have goals or New Year's resolutions. In fact, they do it every year in the form of planning out curriculum, enhancing student services, or improving sports programs. Every institution pursues healthy growth, and these areas are all a part of that growth. Kentucky Christian University in Grayson, makes their

‘resolutions’ each year; but unlike many comparable schools, KCU is walking into 2026 with a serious advantage most other institutions don't share. In 2025, Kentucky Christian University paid off all of their outstanding debt, so the Knights can march into 2026 debt free. “Being debt free has opened a lot of doors for us,” KCU President Dr. Terry Allcorn said as he looked forward to all the exciting things slated for the upcoming year. “We are trying to be very purposeful about taking advantage of this season. We are going to expand our academic program,

and I am really excited about upcoming campus improvements.” One campus improvement Allcorn mentioned was ongoing improvements to the campus chapel. “We redid the back wall of the stage, and it will be more like a giant screen. It really looks nice, though I haven't seen it completely finished yet,” he said. “It will be finished when the students return in January, and I think that will be really nice for our concerts and other events.” “God was good to us in 2025,” Allcorn continued. “And we are excited

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**Joyful Noise** from A-2

is treating people with generosity and compassion because God had done the same for you. Goodness: Goodness is choosing what is right even when no one is watching. It is integrity in action. Faithfulness: Faithfulness is consistency in your character, commitments, and walk with God. It is reliability over the long haul. Gentleness: Gentleness is strength that is under control. It is responding with grace instead of reacting with force. Self-control: Self-con-

trol is ruling your desires instead of letting them rule you. It is discipline empowered by the Spirit. Matthew 7:16 says, “you shall know them by their fruit.” Matthew 7:18 says, “a good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.” The Fruit of the Spirit is always in season. As believers (the good tree) we should be striving to produce good fruits every day in our lives. We must ask the Holy Spirit to keep us pruned and producing every day. When we are

productive in the Fruit of the Spirit, we are sharing the love of God to those around us. The first Fruit of the Spirit is love. For God so loved. Without love we will not be able to cultivate the other fruit. You can't have joy without love. You can't have peace without love and so on. When is the last time you inspected your own fruit? Do not be the rotten apple that spoils the whole bushel. Walk in the Fruit of the Spirit daily and “they will know that we are Christians by our love!”

Let us spread the love of God in all we do and say and how we treat others! Amen! So be it! JOYFUL House of Prayer, 2519 Quicksand Road, (P.O. Box 856), Jackson, Kentucky 41339. Send Comments/Prayer Requests: Pastornaami-4god@gmail.com. FB: JoyfulHoprayer. Services: 10am Sunday and Joyful Kids Class at 10:30am, 6:30pm Thursdays. Radio Broadcast: WJSN 97.3 FM & WEKG 81.0 AM Sundays 1-2pm.

# CALENDAR

- **1/1: Carter County Library Board @ 6 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library - Grayson
- **1/2: Sit and Sew @ 9 a.m.** | Carter County Extension Education Center | For questions or to RSVP call 474-6686
- **1/5: Quilts for Veterans Sew Days @ 9 a.m.** | Carter County Extension Education Center | For questions call 606-474-6686
- **1/5: Open Art Studio @ 10 a.m.** | Grayson Gallery & Art Center
- **1/5: Carter County Tourism @ 5:30 p.m.** | Carter Caves State Resort Park
- **1/6: Building Club @ 4 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library, Olive Hill
- **1/6: Rattlesnake Ridge Water Distict Board meeting @ 4 p.m.** | Rattlesnake Ridge Water District office
- **1/6: Little Sandy Beekeepers Association @ 6:30 p.m.** | Carter County Extension Office | Topic: Brainy Bees: Using Honey Bee Brains to Understand Shifts in Behavior
- **1/12: Quilts for Veterans Sew Days @ 9 a.m.** | Carter County Extension Education Center | For questions call 606-474-6686
- **1/12: Open Art Studio @ 10 a.m.** | Grayson Gallery & Art Center
- **1/12: Game Night @ 5 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library - Olive Hill
- **1/12: Carter County Fiscal Court @ 6 p.m.** | Carter County Courthouse
- **1/13: Extension District Board Meeting @ 10 a.m.** | Carter County Extension Office

**Have an event to add to the calendar?**  
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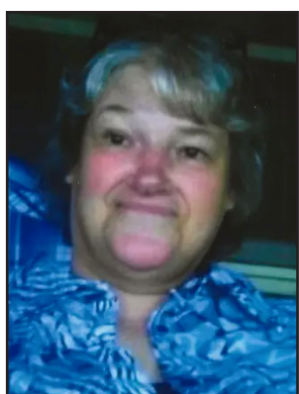
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# OBITUARY

## Pamela Lynn Hartley Staggs

1961 – 2025



Pamela Lynn Hartley Staggs, age 64, of Olive Hill, Kentucky, passed away December 17, 2025, at Carter Nursing and Rehabilitation.

She was born February 28, 1961, in Boyd County, Kentucky, the daughter of

the late Bruce and Annie Sparks Hartley.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, James Staggs.

Pam is survived by one son, Joseph Staggs of Olive Hill, Kentucky; one daughter, Joni Staggs of Olive Hill, Kentucky; 6 grandchildren, along with many other family and friends who will sadly miss her.

At Pamela's request there will be no services.

Grayson Funeral Home and Cremation Services is honored to serve the family of Pamela Lynn Hartley Staggs.

**KCU** from A-3

about what is going to happen in 2026. We have received word on a couple of grants we are going to get and those are a huge blessing to us. And we hope to continue being engaged in the community. We welcome anyone from Grayson on campus at any point because Grayson is a wonderful community."

"I am very optimistic about 2026," Allcorn added. "God has stood with the university for 106 years, and even in the 'lean' years, he was still faithful. And we are honored to still be serving the community. It's an exciting time for us at KCU."

Some things the university are improving and working on for the upcoming year and beyond are two doctorate degrees (one in the Keeran School of Bible and Ministry and one in the Yancey School of Nursing). The university is also launching an EMBA and Master of Arts in Teaching, along with the expansion of their online ministry training programs. There is of course the chapel renovation project (including projection technology) as well as other projects they will announce during the course of the year. The school is also working on a grant to provide a third training manikin for the nursing program.

Community events are on the horizon as well for KCU, including Summer in the Son and various concerts. Though it is now several seasons away, the university plans to be involved in the 2026 Project Merry Christmas and events such as the Grayson PD Christmas Party, as it was this Christmas season.

"And we always like to

stay involved in the other community parades and events," Allcorn said.

The reason the university is committed to being a good community partner is very simple, Allcorn said.

"The University and the community are really intertwined," he said. "If Grayson does well, it is a blessing to KCU. And if KCU does well, then, the university can help to bless the community."

Kentucky Christian University currently has an annual 19-million-dollar impact in the community, which is quite substantial in economic terms and beyond. The university currently has nearly one hundred full-time employees and more than that in part-time and student employees, all of which participate in the employee tax. But the impact of the university goes beyond those figures in a variety of ways.

"We have to do our part," Allcorn said of being a community partner. "And we enjoy being a part of the community and making the connections necessary to do that."

"From my perspective having lived in a lot of different places, Grayson is a great town with a lot of community spirit," Allcorn said. "And I can see that continuing into 2026. I see that in the city meetings I go to, and I see it at the parades we attend. Grayson is a great town, and I feel like there are a lot of good people here that want to see the community continue to progress. And I don't see any reason why that is going to slow down."

Contact the writer at [charles@cartercountytimes.com](mailto:charles@cartercountytimes.com)

## Homer Lee Barker

1944 – 2025



Homer Lee Barker, age 81, of Olive Hill, Kentucky, went home to be with the Lord, Tuesday, December 16, 2025, at his residence, surrounded by his loving family.

He was born Tuesday, June 6, 1944, in Carter County, Kentucky, a son of the late Arnel and Ruby Jeffrey Barker.

Homer enjoyed reading his Bible, listening to country, gospel music and singing in church. He often visited flea markets searching for old records and CDS to collect. He had a particular fondness for westerns.

He often shared memories of growing up on the "Ole Barker Place", fishing in Tygart Creek, trapping for skins, rough-housing with the "Lawton Bunch" and meeting Diane, the love of his life.

Most of all, he cherished his moments spent with his family and friends, including his beloved dog, "Poncho". He will be missed by all.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, James Barker and Kenneth Barker; three sisters, Jewell Fultz, Barbara Hall and Sheila Burton.

Homer is survived by his loving wife of 56 years,

Diane Johnson Barker; two sons, Homer (Tonya) Barker, Joseph (Cindy) Barker, all of Olive Hill, Kentucky; one daughter, Sylvia (Billy) Neal, of Olive Hill, Kentucky; five grandchildren, Nathan Barker, Travis Hedge, Trace Hedge, Kaitlyn Caudill, Alyssia Greene; two great-grandchildren, Ashton Caudill, Kolt Greene; three brothers, Willard Barker of Mansfield, Ohio, Lester Barker of Olive Hill, Kentucky, Daniel Barker of Morehead, Kentucky; five sisters, Judy Cox of Niles, Ohio, Sue Simmons, Teresa Blevins, both of Morehead, Kentucky, Alice Roberts of Olive Hill, Kentucky, Debbie Armstrong of Morehead, Kentucky, along with many other family and friends who will sadly miss him.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m., Saturday, December 20, 2025, at Globe Funeral Chapel, 17277 West US Hwy 60, Olive Hill, Kentucky, with Brother Greg Kiser and Brother Clifford "Tippy" Price officiating. Burial followed in Dean Cemetery in Olive Hill.

Friends visited from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Friday, December 19, 2025, and after 9 a.m., Saturday, December 20, 2025, until the service hour at Globe Funeral Chapel,

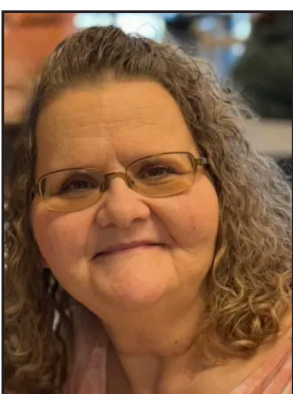
Nathan Barker, Travis Hedge, Trace Hedge, Dalton Caudill, Gunner Greene and Randy Burton served as pallbearers.

Cecil Fraley, Ronald Logan, Greg Kiser and Jamie Fraley served as honorary pallbearers.

Globe Funeral Chapel is honored to serve the family of Homer Lee Barker.

## Verlena Kaye "Bean" Middleton Turner

1972 – 2025



Verlena Kaye "Bean" Middleton Turner, age 53, of Olive Hill, Kentucky, passed away Tuesday, December 23, 2025, at UK-King's Daughter Hospital in Ashland, Kentucky, surrounded by her loving family.

She was born Sunday, October 8, 1972, in Alliance, Ohio, a daughter of Rufus Middleton of Olive Hill, Kentucky, and the late Alice Faye McGlone Middleton.

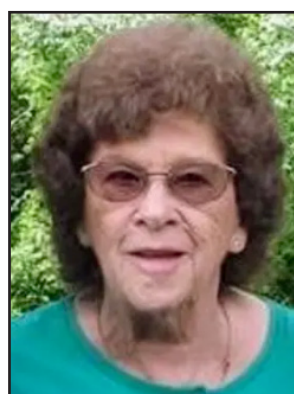
Verlena enjoyed watching UK Basketball, her Saturday morning trips to Dollar General and Wal Mart. She devoted her life to her children and her family.

In addition to her mother, she was preceded in death by two brothers-in-law, Billy James, Kyle Wilburn; one niece, Kayla Renee.

In addition to her father, she is survived by her loving husband of 25 years, Darrell Turner; one son, Darrell Lee Turner II of Olive Hill, Kentucky; one daughter, Kaylee Nicole Turner of Olive Hill, Kentucky; one brother, Rufus Lee Middleton of Olive Hill, Kentucky; four sisters, Sandra Faye Middleton, Viola Middleton, Wanetta Middleton

## Frances Hammonds Parker

1933 – 2025



Frances Hammonds Parker, age 92, of Olive Hill, Kentucky, passed away Monday, December 15, 2025, at her residence, surrounded by her loving family.

She was born Wednesday, March 22, 1933, in Carter County, Kentucky, a daughter of the late Dell and Rosa Lee Justice Hammonds.

Frances enjoyed sewing, clogging, traveling, going out to eat, working in her flowers, gardening and spending time with her family.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Eulan Parker; two daughters, Wanda Hunt, Paula Barker; two brothers, Fred Hammonds, Herbert

Hammonds; five sisters, Amy Lawson, Lena Hart, Belva Frazier, Dora Ray and Kathleen Hardy.

Frances is survived by one daughter, Rita (Andrew) Vangor of Olive Hill, Kentucky; 9 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; 16 great-great-grandchildren; one sister, Ruby (Charles) Mitchell of Ohio along with many other family and friends who will sadly miss her.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m., Thursday, December 18, 2025, at Globe Funeral Chapel with Brother Randy Binion officiating. Burial followed in Barker-Caldwell Family Cemetery in Olive Hill.

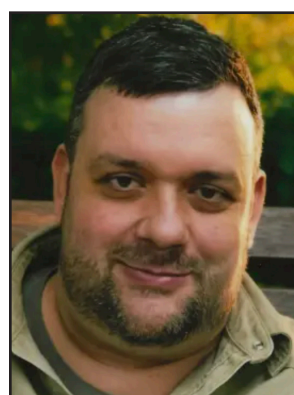
Friends visited after 11:30 a.m., Thursday, December 18, 2025, until the service hour at Globe Funeral Chapel, 17277 West US Hwy 60, Olive Hill, Kentucky.

Tony Caldwell, Eric Barker, Devin Garvin, Elwood Barker, Andrew Vangor, Eric Barker Jr., served as pallbearers.

Globe Funeral Chapel is honored to serve the family of Frances Hammonds Parker.

## James "Jamie" Leonard Pennington

1982 – 2025



James "Jamie" Leonard Pennington, age 43, of Olive Hill, Kentucky went to be with the Lord Sunday, December 21, 2025, at his home surrounded by his loved ones.

He was born January 2, 1982, in Rowan County, Kentucky, a son of Johnny and Sharon Kilgore Pennington of Olive Hill, Kentucky.

Jamie was a avid member of Rose Ridge Apostolic Church and was employed with SRG Global for over 20 years. Jamie loved spending time with his children, collecting video games and grilling or cooking for his loved ones. He was a wonderful, fun loving man and the kind of person we all should strive to be. He brought a smile to every room he entered and gave Jesus praise for each day.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by his wife of 20 years, Amanda

Sue Maddix Pennington; one son Connor Pennington; one daughter, Chole Isabella Pennington; one brother Johnny Neil (Melissa) Pennington; one sister Angie (Jody) Henderson, all of Olive Hill; mother-in-law, Cathy Dyer; his nieces and nephews, Makayla Barker (Billy) Johnny Nathaniel Pennington, Tyler Ray Pennington (Danielle) Ash-tin Flannery (Scott), Corey Pennington, Emilee Gee (Wyatt), Kaden Pennington (Haley), along with many other family and friends who will sadly miss him.

Funeral services were held 3 p.m., Tuesday, December 23, 2025, at Rose Ridge Apostolic Church, Rose Ridge, Olive Hill, Kentucky, with Brother Johnny Neil Pennington officiating. Burial followed in Pennington Family Cemetery on Rose Ridge.

Friends visited after 1 p.m., Tuesday, December 23, 2025, until the service hour at Rose Ridge Apostolic Church.

Nathan Pennington, Corey Pennington, Kaden Pennington, Tyler Pennington, Chad Bush, Luke Garvin, Joe Perry and Michael Wells served as pallbearers.

Globe Funeral Chapel is honored to serve the family of James "Jamie" Leonard Pennington.

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# OPINION

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**First Amendment:** Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

## Guest Editorial

### Industry, growth, and Kentucky Power's proposed rate hikes

By Suzanne Barker Griffith and Paula Bowling

In its most recent rate case, Kentucky Power clarified that population and industrial losses coupled with the need to increase revenue for investors, relative to its fixed costs, are significant reasons for the proposed 15% industrial rate hike, 14.9% residential rate hike, and 13% commercial rate hike. Annual statistical reports kept by the Kentucky Public Service Commission (PSC) reflect a sad tale. Over 12,000 residential customers have been lost in the past 14 years in its twenty-county eastern Kentucky service territory. In 2010, Kentucky Power sold 3,255,731,000 kWh of industrial power. By 2024, that number dropped to 2,016,139,000 kWh, a 38 percent loss. No doubt, our region is in trouble.

Most people living in eastern Kentucky do not need numbers on a chart to tell us that industries once depended on to feed our families have declined or, worse yet, completely evaporated. Coal, steel, and power, the bedrocks of our communities and local economies, have gone by the wayside.

Kentucky Power itself was a major player in declining power and coal jobs when it chose to decommission Big Sandy 2 in Louisa and invest millions of eastern Kentucky ratepayer dollars in the coal-burning Mitchell plant located just outside of Moundsville, WV - a plant that does not burn Kentucky coal, employ Kentucky citizens, or pay Kentucky taxes.

So here we are, looking for new industries to attract to our area and hoping the industries and businesses we do still have stay. None of this is for the faint of heart. To their credit, economic development teams across the region are aiming to create sustainable growth, foster innovation, and improve the quality of life in their communities. Adding another 15% to the industrial electrical rate, which is already one of the highest in the state, is not helpful.

More is needed, much more than just decently priced industrial electrical rates to attract and maintain industries and businesses providing good-paying jobs. Infrastructure is key as well.

As they say in the real estate market, our area of Northeast Kentucky has good bones. We have two major waterways, the Big Sandy and the Ohio River, rail services, and three major highways that pass through our area: I-64, US-60, and US-23. We are minutes away from the AA highway, a throughway to northern Kentucky and the industrial Midwest. We have regional airports nearby. Yet, we have failed to keep up.

Our electrical grid needs work. Extreme weather events due to climate change - hurricanes (the effects of which are felt here in Kentucky), ice storms, floods, and tornadoes are only growing in frequency and intensity. According to Climate Central, 83% of power failures can be attributed to weather changes. We must upgrade or suffer the dire consequences of inaction.

The aging grid in Eastern Kentucky requires a proactive approach to meet the needs of a region seeking a renaissance. Merely trimming trees and clearing brush does not guarantee a resilient power supply. Ratepayers deserve a reliable power supply that only comes from utilizing current technology.

Unfortunately, there has been a major issue at the Mitchell plant requiring significant capital and attention to address. One of Mitchell's two concrete cooling towers is failing structurally at the over-50-year-old coal-burning plant and needs to be reinforced or replaced.

According to KY PSC records, the options to address the failing tower would be \$375,956,757 for a new mechanical draft or \$356,031,775 to shorten the tower. Either way means money out of the ratepayers' pocket for an expense that is not long-term as the Mitchell plant, which Kentucky Power owns half of, is scheduled to be decommissioned in 2040. The amount needed will be in addition to the current proposed rate hike. Kentucky Power has stated they are seeking a federal grant to help with this expense; time will tell.

The complicated history Kentucky Power has with its ratepayers continues to lean toward customer rate unsustainability. A correction must take place.

We need companies providing good-paying jobs to locate in the service area to combat population loss, and those companies need fair electrical rates and adequate infrastructure. As a monopoly, ratepayers need Kentucky Power to manage its operations more effectively. The truth is, families in eastern

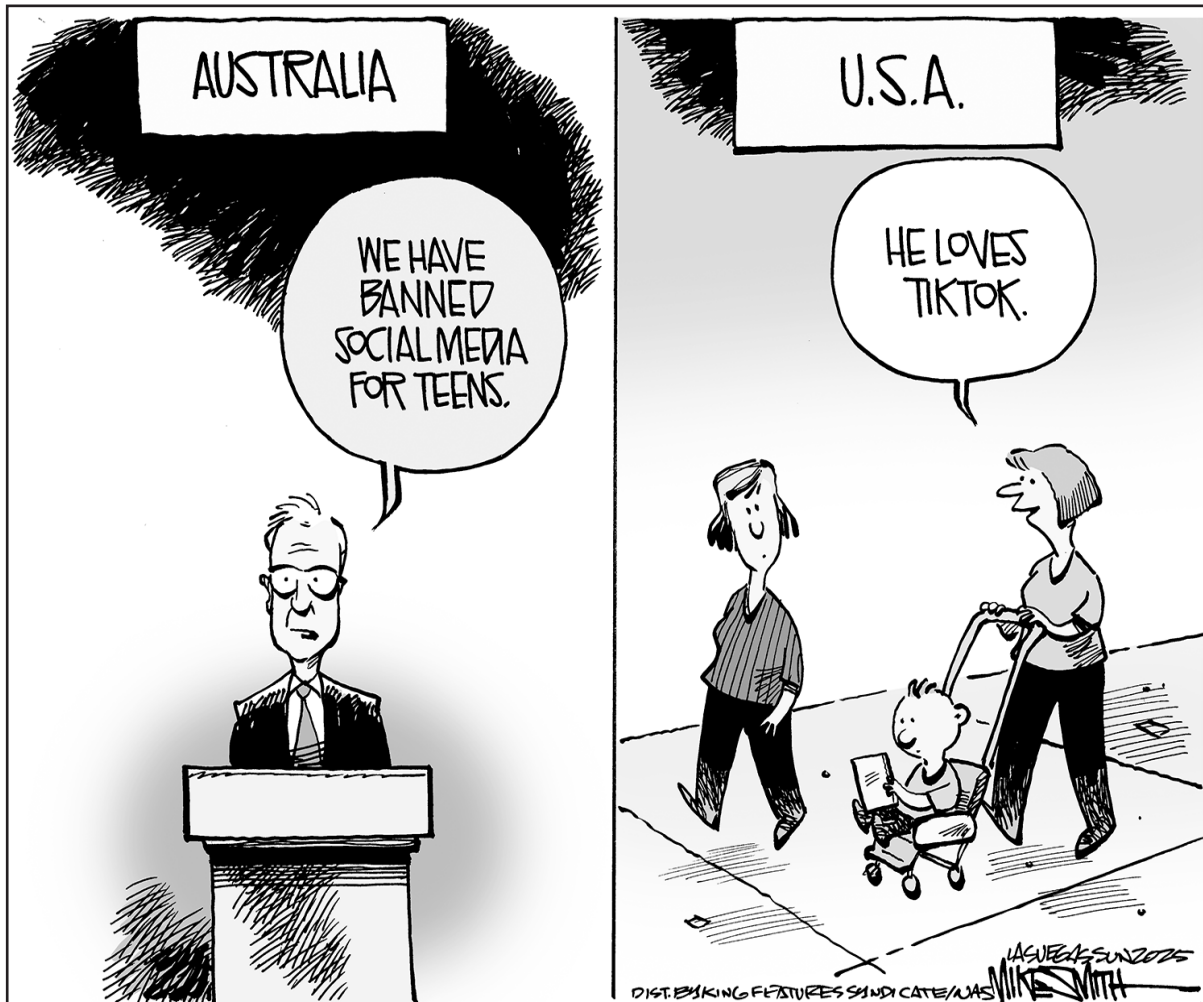
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## Carter County Times

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### The best laid holiday plans can go astray despite our good intentions.

This is the sad tale of how a brilliant idea of this writer about saving money at Christmas this year went south because of my lifelong affliction with procrastination. I've been meaning to seek help for my condition but haven't gotten around to it yet.

For openers, I need to cut myself some slack in the guilt department because this was my fourth Christmas holiday without the incredible benefit of being coached by my late wife, the most organized human being ever to walk the earth.

This particular scenario actually began a few years ago when I realized that several national charities had started the practice of sending free, ready-to-use Christmas cards to their regular donors. Some were higher quality than others but I started putting most of them aside.

My family had been using the photo cards for some time, but they were becoming more expensive each year and the constantly-increasing cost of a first class stamp is a sore point with me.

So, I decided that this year I would use all of the free cards instead of buying another round of photo cards. I had accumulated nearly 200 of them in all

sizes and colors, some with happy messages and most with reminders of the reason for the season.

I waited too long to separate the cards and had to ask a friend to help me. Color-coded cards had been separated from their matching envelopes. Some beautiful cards had no pre-printed messages but I didn't have time to write anything meaningful and personal.

I kept assuring myself that I was saving money by not buying commercial cards and envelopes and that the folks on my mailing list might appreciate a change from getting just another photo card.

The bottom line is that my cheapskate plan fell apart and my recycled cards didn't make it into the postal system until two days after the holiday. To ease my shame at being so tardy, I added a printed sticker saying the delay in delivery was my fault and don't blame the post office.

Yep, next year I'll be sending those handy, dandy photo cards again.

Keith Kappes can be reached at [keithkappes@gmail.com](mailto:keithkappes@gmail.com)



**Keith Kappes**  
Columnist  
Carter County Times

### Happy New Year, you should call your mom

It's a new year and it's time to focus on a new you. Instead of promising to lay off the late night McNuggets and Wild Turkey, let's focus on some practical stuff everyone should adopt into their daily practices to be better humans.

Put your damn cart back. Don't be that guy. Unless you're a mother with three screaming kids and 34 bags of groceries, you don't get a pass. Stop being lazy. I'll straight up stop my car in the lot and yell at people over this.

Remember to say "please" and "thank you." Seems like common sense, I know, but while picking up a pizza after Christmas shopping, I watched a guy never get off his phone; Mr. Tucked in Dress Shirt, treating the poor girl at the counter like some serf, never saying please or thank you. I wanted to throw his pizza in the parking lot and let him pick up the slices.

Stop making politics your identity. Look, guy with the Trump flag, Trump shoes, and the FJB sticker on your truck, we get it, you have no other hobbies. It's 2026, neither team cares about us. We're pawns. Ask yourself how political choices affect the working class and follow that logic. If it stinks, it stinks. Don't believe me? Rent is still high. Groceries are still high, and chances are, you're broke as hell after Christmas. Leaving the house costs \$30 and that's just for lunch, a little gas and a coffee.

Get off your phone. Nothing good is happening there. AI slop is making you dumber, and all those games are rotting your brain.

Read. Nothing on the internet is as good as the newspaper (like you're holding) a magazine, or a book. The internet is made to keep you mad - not informed.

Go to the movies. Seriously. When is the last time you grabbed a ticket to the theater and snuck in some candy? Or a sub? Whatever. Either way, the movie theater is awesome, plus, you know when you complain about "they never make good movies anymore?" Not going to the movies is a direct result of that, apparently. Don't ask me, I don't work for Paramount. Sitting

in the comfort of your house is great and all but we need experience and even just getting over to the local movie house to see something interesting is good for you - it's good for the world because you're likely to talk about going out and the experience rather than sitting down to a movie only to spend half the time ignoring it while on your phone doing nothing.

Look, be kind and do better than whatever some dumb meme says on Facebook. There are way too many ugly actions in the world happening all the time. You don't need to feed into that energy. Hold open doors. Compliment someone's shoes. Be cool. There is no reason to be mean, especially in a world as screwed up as this.

Happy New Year. Put your damn cart back. Read a book. And seriously, go call your mom. She misses you.

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**Robert Dean**  
Guest Columnist  
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**Kentucky Power** from A-5

Kentucky, who already pay the state's highest average energy bills, can no longer bear the burden of questionable decisions by Kentucky Power, compounded by a hard-hit regional economy.

Citizen voices are needed more than ever to address the unreasonable proposed rate hikes. The Kentucky PSC will be in Ashland at 5 p.m., Jan. 8, at the Ashland Transportation Center to hear from ratepayers. In addition, the KY PSC accepts written comments by mail or

email. To submit written comments, include your name, whether you are a Kentucky Power customer, and reference Case No. 2025-00257 in the subject line. Mail comments to: PSC, P.O. Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602, or email to [psc.comment@ky.gov](mailto:psc.comment@ky.gov).

The time to speak up is now!

*Suzanne Barker Griffith and Paula Bowling live in Boyd County and are active in local, state, and national issues of importance.*

# Hometown care

## Main Street Medical Clinic offers downtown healthcare

By Charles Romans  
*Carter County Times*

Main Street in Grayson is home to an independent, walk-in clinic that aims to help residents with all their basic healthcare needs. The clinic is operated by family nurse practitioner Brooke Holley, who has twelve years of direct experience in emergency medical care. Holley said her patients range in age from newborns to basically any age.

"I'm here for any kind of acute care needs," Holley explained.

Holley said that during this time of year she typically sees patients for a variety of illnesses from colds and flu to COVID and strep throat. The clinic is located at 107 E Main Street and sees patients almost exclusively on a walk-in basis, though sometimes if patients need to be seen during a lunch hour break, some appointments can be made. The clinic accepts insurance and has lower cash payments for those who have no insurance or are under insured.

"We don't want anyone to feel as though they can't get healthcare because they don't have insurance," Holley said.

Average cash visits, she said, start at around \$45.

Holley herself was born and raised in Grayson and graduated from the University of Cincinnati in 2012 as a family nurse practitioner.

"Until I opened this clinic, I spent my entire career in an emergency room," Holley said.

The clinic, she said, has now been open about two and a half years, and she couldn't be happier with the change of venue.

"It's very rewarding, personally, to be back in my hometown," she said.

"I spent a good part of my childhood going to Dr. Shufflebarger's office," Holley said, remembering the well-respected Grayson family doctor. "I was in corporate healthcare for 12 years and worked my way up at St Mary's, but I missed the simplicity of how he (Shufflebarger) provided medical care to patients in our community."

"So, when I opened this clinic, it was with him in mind," Holley continued. "I wanted to replicate the way he did it, though there will never be another Dr. Shufflebarger."

Though Holley is making no attempt to replace her favorite physician, she

does want to bring back his style. She wants patients to be comfortable in a friendly atmosphere where they always know who they are going to see and who will be providing their care.

"You want to know your provider when you walk in the door and see friendly, familiar faces," she said. "And you want to know that we are going to do our very best to take of you at that time. Just like he did."

Holley said that her patients have responded well to the walk-in clinic model of treatment, and the family atmosphere. This isn't surprising to her in the least, she said, because most of the people she sees at the clinic are people she grew up with and are a lot like family to her.

"I know them," she said. "And I know their kids and their parents. They are really like my family because these are the people I was with growing up."

Beyond needing emergency care, Holley said there are a few things everyone can do to maintain health, especially during cold and flu season.

"You can't overstate the need for hand washing to slow the spread of germs," she said. "And we need to make sure we take our vitamins to help us prevent getting sick. But once you get sick, get treatment. Go to your doctor, come here to the clinic, but go somewhere to be seen."

Other advice she shared included staying hydrated and getting plenty of sleep, so your body has time to repair itself.

"We all need to work on making health in general a priority," Holley said.

"And with the start of the new year, it's a great time to begin. Simple lifestyle changes and healthy habits can make all the difference in the world."

Holley said everyone can feel free to call the clinic and they would be happy to answer any questions about treatment and other services, as well as any questions about billing and insurance. The telephone number is 606-474-0244, and she also posts useful information and receives messages on their Facebook page at Main Street Medical Clinic.

Contact the writer at [charles@cartercountytimes.com](mailto:charles@cartercountytimes.com)

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## PUBLIC NOTICES

**CITY OF OLIVE HILL  
ORDINANCE 2025-10**

**AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE CITY OF OLIVE HILL'S ELECTRIC UTILITY SERVICE AND TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 2023-01**

WHEREAS, an increase to the expense associated with operation of the City's electric utility service has created a hardship upon the City; and

WHEREAS, City Council deems it necessary to amend Ordinance 2023-01 in order to collect sufficient revenue to adequately operate its utilities:

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The Energy Charge shall be subject to the Power Cost Adjustment set forth in Ordinance 2023-01.

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**Rate**

Service Charge  
For each month of electric service \$21.00 per month

Energy Charge  
For all kWh metered during the billing month \$0.1600 per kWh

Minimum Monthly Bill  
The minimum monthly bill shall be the service charge.

Power Cost Adjustment  
The Energy Charge shall be subject to the Power Cost Adjustment set forth in Ordinance 2023-01.

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**Rate**

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For all kWh metered during the billing month \$0.1600 per kWh

Demand Charge  
\$2.50 per kWh

Minimum Monthly Bill  
The minimum monthly bill shall be the service charge.

Power Cost Adjustment  
The Energy Charge shall be subject to the Power Cost Adjustment set forth in Ordinance 2023-01.

**IV. Disconnection of Services**

A. If any utility bill is not paid in full on the dates due, (15th of each month) a ten (10%) percent penalty will be added after 10:00 a.m. the following workday and the account or accounts will be deemed delinquent. A cutoff list will be provided for the meter readers or other city workers for disconnection of utility service and delinquent utility accounts shall be disconnected beginning the 26th day of the month during which they become delinquent.

B. If all past utilities reconnects are not paid in full by the month following, disconnection of the account will be deemed final and all deposits held on the account will be applied. In order to initiate new service, the customer will be required to place new deposits with the Utility Clerk and pay all back bills that the previous deposit did not cover.

C. There will be a Forty Five Dollar(\$45.00) disconnect fee if disconnection of service occurs.

**V. Reconnection Fees**

A. There will be a Forty Five Dollar (\$45.00) reconnect fee if disconnection of service occurs.

A. If service requires a reconnect after the hours of normal business hours M-F 8am-4:30pm it will be subject to a service fee of Sixty Five Dollar (\$65.00).

**Yard Lighting Service**  
The monthly charges for security lights shall be as follows:

150 Watt Light \$20.00 per month  
400 Watt Light \$30.00 per month

Ordinance No. 2023-01 is hereby amended upon the adoption and publication of this ordinance.

Any other ordinance or portion thereof in conflict with or adverse to the provisions contained herein are hereby amended upon the adoption and publication of this ordinance.

**Miscellaneous Provisions**  
Any provision contained herein which is contrary to Kentucky Revised Statutes or other applicable law shall be null and void without affecting the remaining provisions contained herein.

The provisions of this ordinance shall take effect upon adoption and publication by the City Council of Olive Hill.

All provisions contained herein shall remain in full force and effect until amended or repealed by City Council.

Adopted and enacted this 19 day of Nov., 2025

MAYOR: \_\_\_\_\_  
/s/ Mayor, Jerry Callihan

Shane: Y  
Eric: Y

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
/s/ City Clerk, Steff Thomas

Tony: Y  
Chris: Y  
Kirk: Y  
Shannon: —

1st Reading: 11/13/25  
2nd Reading: 11/19/25  
Publication: Sent 11/20/25  
Publication Date: 12/31/25

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Notice is hereby given that the Kentucky Public Service Commission ("PSC") will conduct a public hearing in Case No. 2025-00257 beginning at 9:00 a.m. Eastern Standard Time on Tuesday, January 13, 2026, at the PSC's offices at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. The purpose of the hearing is to cross-examine Kentucky Power's witnesses and take evidence on Kentucky Power's application for adjustment of its electric rates and approval of certain regulatory and accounting treatments. This hearing will be streamed live and may be viewed by connecting to the YouTube link posted on the PSC website, [psc.ky.gov](http://psc.ky.gov), on the day of the hearing. Public comments may be made at the beginning of the hearing. Those wishing to provide public comments may do so by arriving at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky, before the start of the hearing.



Brooke Holley (submitted photo)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CABELL COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

IN RE: THE MATTER OF: THE PETITION OF BRANDON LEE BUTCHER FOR THE ADOPTION OF IVORY BRYNN DEARFIELD AN INFANT FEMALE UNDER THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN YEARS

**ORDER OF PUBLICATION**

**THE OBJECT OF THIS SUIT IS TO PETITION FOR CUSTODIAL ALLOCATION, THIS IS A PUBLICATION BY CLASS II LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT.**

**To Tommy Dearfield:**

You are hereby notified that the Above-Named Petitioner has filed a Petition for Adoption for Ivy D. (d.o.b. 11/16/2019), you can defend your rights by filing a response with the Circuit Clerk of Cabell County, West Virginia, and by serving said Response upon counsel for Petitioner, Paula L. Harbour, P.O. BOX 407 Huntington, WV 25708.

You are further notified that a hearing will be held February 10, 2026 at 10:00 a.m., in the Cabell County Circuit Court, 750 Fifth Avenue, Huntington, West Virginia. Failure to respond or appear may result in a judgement adverse to your interests.

A copy of the "Petition for" can be obtained from the undersigned Clerk's Office. Entered by the Clerk of Said Court on December 11th, 2025.

Michael J. Woelfel  
/s/ Toree Vanhose  
Clerk of the Court of Cabell County, West Virginia

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING**

The Public Service Commission of Kentucky issued an order in Case No. 2025-00257 scheduling a public comment meeting to be held on January 8, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, at the Ashland Transportation Center, 99 15th Street, Ashland, Kentucky 41101, for the purpose of hearing public comments on Kentucky Power Company's application for adjustment of its electric rates and approval of certain regulatory and accounting treatments in Case No. 2025-00257.

**PUBLIC AUCTION NOTICE**

The Commercial Bank of Grayson will offer at Public Sale the following vehicles to satisfy the indebtedness due under the terms of a security agreement.

**2010 CADILLAC ESCALADE, NOT ACTUAL MILEAGE 168,201, DON'T RUN, VIN #1GYUKJFIARI23585.**

**2011 GMC TERRAIN, MILEAGE 135,034, MOTOR BLOWN, VIN #2CTFLREC9B6332705.**

**2019 BUICK ENCORE AWD, MILEAGE 106,312, VIN #KL-4CJESB5KB893323.**

**2018 CHEVY SILVERADO 4 WHEEL DRIVE, MILEAGE 143,744, VIN #3GCUKREC4JG428685.**

**2000 FORD F650 SUPER DUTY, NOT ACTUAL MILEAGE 236,000, VIN #3FDWF65HXMA05348.**

Public Auction will be held on *Friday January 9, 2026 at 3:00 PM, weather permitting if cancelled (follow our Facebook for update) it will be on Friday January 16, 2026 at 3:00 PM, at COMMERCIAL BANK, OLIVE HILL BRANCH, 155 TOM T. HALL BLVD., OLIVE HILL KY.*

Seller reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Announcements made the day of the sale will take precedence over any printed material.

Terms will be cash.

For more information, please contact Tina Knipp at (606)475-4150.

**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
CARTER CIRCUIT COURT  
CASE NO. 24-CI-00074**

**ANP TAX LIEN COMPANY, LLC PLAINTIFF  
VS. NOTICE OF SALE  
JASON O. RAMEY; LATORIA RAMEY; AND COUNTY DEFENDANTS  
OF CARTER, KENTUCKY**

Pursuant to the Judgment and Order of Sale in the Carter Circuit Court, entered on July 31, 2025, I shall offer for sale the property described herein at public auction on the Courthouse steps of the old Carter County Courthouse, 300 West Main Street in Grayson, Kentucky, on the **9th day of January, 2026** at or near the hour of 10:05 a.m., to the highest bidder on the following terms:

The aforementioned real estate shall be sold as a whole. The real estate shall be sold on a credit of thirty (30) days, with the privilege of the purchaser to pay for bid in cash in full, and if not paid in full then the purchaser shall make a cash down payment of at least ten percent (10%) of the purchase price to cover the costs of the judicial sale; and the purchaser shall execute a bond for the remainder of the purchase price, with good surety thereon, to be approved by the Master Commissioner of this Court, and bearing interest at the rate of 6% per annum from the date of the sale, until paid; additionally, a lien shall be retained upon the real estate to be sold herein, to secure the payment of the balance of the purchase price within thirty (30) days of the date of sale upon which execution may be levied by the Master Commissioner of this Court.

**Description of the Property:** 81 Dry Fork Road, Olive Hill, KY 41164. (For Legal Description see LSOT: Deed Book 304, Page 296, Carter County Clerk's Office.)

**Map/Parcel ID Number:** 065-00-00-015.02.

**NOTE:** Only delinquent ad valorem taxes shall be paid from the sale proceeds. The Purchaser shall be responsible for payment of the taxes for the current year and thereafter.

Honorable John P. Thompson  
Master Commissioner  
Carter County, Kentucky

**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
CARTER CIRCUIT COURT  
CASE NO. 23-CI-00270**

**U.S. BANK TRUST COMPANY, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, AS SUCCESSOR-IN-INTEREST TO U.S.BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR RESIDENTIAL ASSET SECURITIES CORPORATION, HOME EQUITY MORTGAGE ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-KS4 PLAINTIFF  
VS. NOTICE OF SALE  
JACK LESLIE; CAROL LESLIE; COMMONWEALTH DEFENDANTS  
OF KENTUCKY, CARTER COUNTY; CURD, NEWTON & ASSOCIATES, INC.; KENTUCKY FARM BUREAU MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY A/S/O ZEBEDEE ENIX**

Pursuant to the Judgment and Order of Sale in the Carter Circuit Court, entered on November 19, 2024, I shall offer for sale the property described herein at public auction on the Courthouse steps of the old Carter County Courthouse, 300 West Main Street in Grayson, Kentucky, on the **24th day of January, 2026 at or near the hour of 9:45 a.m.**, to the highest bidder on the following terms:

The aforementioned real estate shall be sold as a whole. The real estate shall be sold on a credit of thirty (30) days, with the privilege of the purchaser to pay for bid in cash in full, and if not paid in full then the purchaser shall make a cash down payment of at least ten percent (10%) of the purchase price to cover the costs of the judicial sale; and the purchaser shall execute a bond for the remainder of the purchase price, with good surety thereon, to be approved by the Master Commissioner of this Court, and bearing interest at the rate of 3.6876% per annum from the date of the sale, until paid; additionally, a lien shall be retained upon the real estate to be sold herein, to secure the payment of the balance of the purchase price within thirty (30) days of the date of sale upon which execution may be levied by the Master Commissioner of this Court.

**Description of the Property:** 2207 Hwy. 1662, Olive Hill, KY 41164. (For Legal Description see LSOT: Deed Book 235, Page 395, Carter County Clerk's Office.)

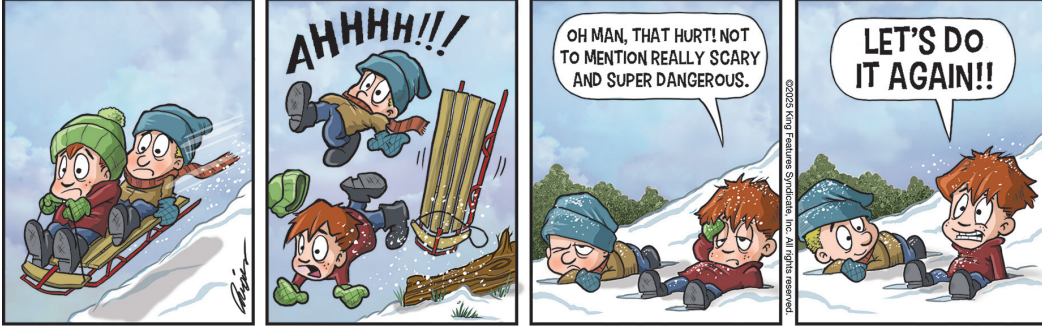
**Map/Parcel ID Number:** 005-00-00-013.01.

**NOTE:** Only delinquent ad valorem taxes shall be paid from the sale proceeds. The Purchaser shall be responsible for payment of the taxes for the current year and thereafter.

Honorable John P. Thompson  
Master Commissioner  
Carter County, Kentucky

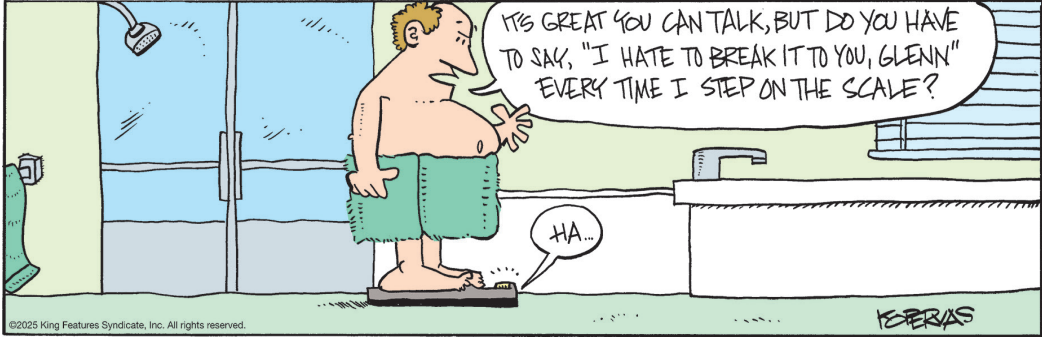
# Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



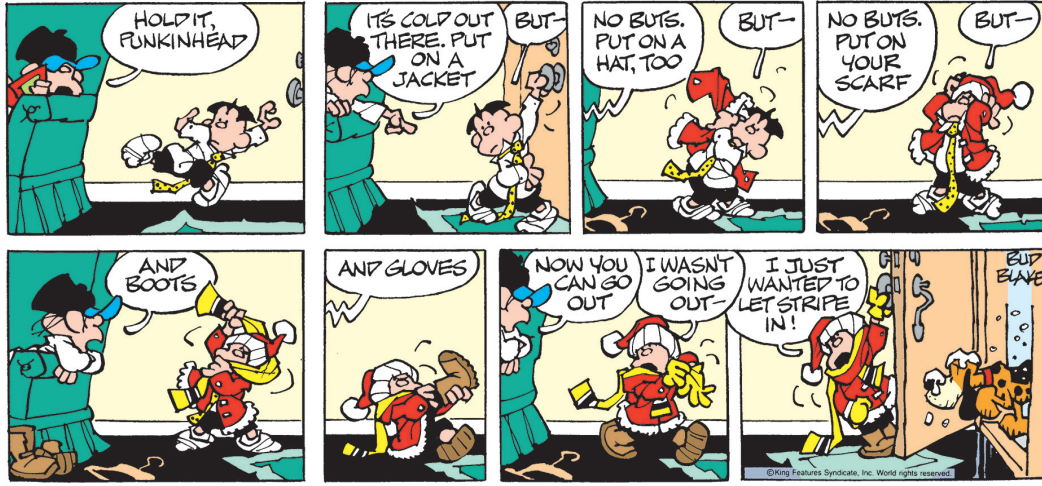
The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



TIGER

by BUD BLAKE

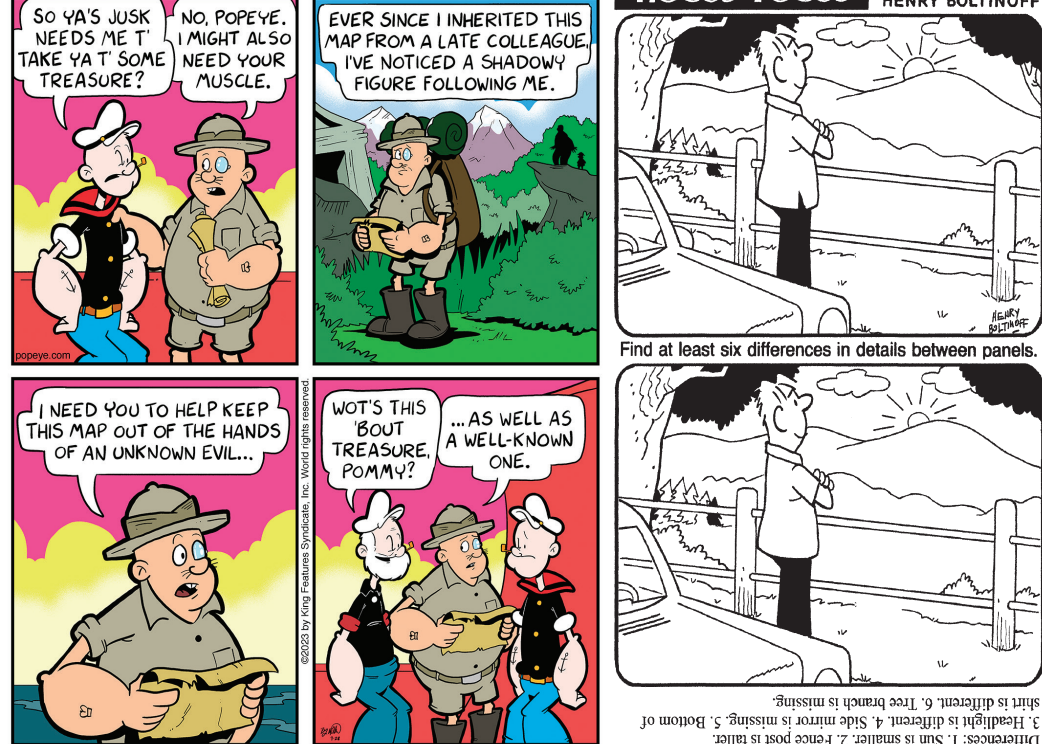


OLIVE & POPEYE

By Randy Millholland

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



## CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: X equals O

CGURTH YRFWGXJ ZRLRUGJH  
YHROQTGJL AWXOXF XY CGL  
PROHT ZRRZRF PGOW YIGAAHTF:  
ZRJROHH YRGT.

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## SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Chant **DABALL**  
New **LOVEN**  
Ruler **ERGET**  
Collect **GEARTH**

**TODAY'S WORD**

## Even Exchange

by Donna Pettman

Each numbered row contains two clues and two 6-letter answers. The two answers differ from each other by only one letter, which has already been inserted. For example, if you exchange the A from MASTER for an I, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

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|----------------------|-----------|--------------------|-----------|
| 1. Cabbage garden    | ___ A ___ | Toss the baseball  | ___ I ___ |
| 2. Wood's homophone  | ___ U ___ | Earth              | ___ R ___ |
| 3. ___ shop quartet  | ___ A ___ | Carpet style       | ___ E ___ |
| 4. Runway walker     | ___ D ___ | Traveler's inn     | ___ T ___ |
| 5. Buffett or Beatty | ___ R ___ | Prison official    | ___ D ___ |
| 6. Funniness         | H ___     | Gossip's specialty | R ___     |
| 7. More rapidly      | ___ R ___ | Button up          | ___ N ___ |
| 8. Small river       | ___ T ___ | Banshee sound      | ___ C ___ |
| 9. Welcome           | ___ E ___ | Vast               | ___ A ___ |
| 10. Baton or rod     | ___ I ___ | Jammed             | ___ U ___ |

## GO FIGURE!

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.

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## Even Exchange

ANSWERS

|                  |                   |
|------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Patch Work    | 6. Honor Rumor    |
| 2. World's Fair  | 7. Fasten Fashion |
| 3. Barber Barber | 8. Steam Steam    |
| 4. Model Model   | 9. Great Great    |
| 5. Warren Warden | 10. Slick Sluck   |

## King Crossword

ACROSS

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## Weekly SUDOKU

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging  
◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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## Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- GEOGRAPHY: What body of water lies between Ukraine and Russia?
- SLOGANS: Which company uses the advertising slogan "Think Different"?
- MOVIES: Which actor plays himself in the movie "Zombieland"?
- HISTORY: Which U.S. president authorized the Indian Removal Act, which forcibly relocated Native Americans?
- BIOLOGY: How do plants take in oxygen and carbon dioxide?
- TELEVISION: What's the name of the bar in "The Simpsons"?
- MUSIC: Which pop singer refers to her fans as "little monsters"?
- ANATOMY: Where is the deltoid muscle in the human body?
- FOOD & DRINK: What is the primary ingredient in the Greek dish mousaka?
- LITERATURE: Who wrote the children's book "Where the Wild Things Are"?

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What a dealer deals  
Room darkener  
Tether  
Cetacean  
Entire  
Bathroom accessory

Solve each row by replacing one letter from the answer above or below and scrambling to make a new word. When complete, the top and bottom words will have no letters in common.

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## SCRAMBLERS

Today's Word

1. Ballad; 2. Novel; 3. Regent; 4. Gather

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Solution

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| 8 | 7 | 6 | 3 | 9 | 4 | 5 | 1 | 2 |
| 3 | 5 | 9 | 1 | 2 | 8 | 4 | 7 | 6 |
| 4 | 1 | 2 | 6 | 5 | 7 | 3 | 9 | 8 |

Answer

## King Crossword

Solution time: 26 mins.

ANSWERS

1. Sea of Azov  
2. Apple  
3. Bill Murray  
4. Andrew Jackson  
5. Tiny pores on the underside of leaves called stomata  
6. Moe's Tavern  
7. Lady Gaga  
8. Shoulder  
9. Eggplant  
10. Maurice Sendak

**East Carter** from A-1

pushed the ball ahead to Bristol Boggs (1), who finished at the rim to give East its first lead at 5-4.

West Carter answered with a burst of momentum behind Novaleigh Hatton (35), who buried back-to-back threes to swing the lead and send the Comets into the end of the first quarter ahead 12-10.

East Carter opened the second quarter with renewed energy. Boggs powered in a layup to tie the game at 12-12, and Brynlee Walker (24)

muscled in a putback to push the Raiders ahead 14-12. Hall continued to make plays defensively, jumping a passing lane for a steal that fired up the Raider bench.

West responded with buckets from Madison Stamper (22) and Maci Holbrook (3) to reclaim a 17-14 lead, but Boggs answered again, stepping into a confident three to knot the score at 17-17. Aubrey Mullins (50) added a strong finish inside, and moments later Jocie Rudd

(10) delivered one of the biggest plays of the half, an and one that swung momentum firmly back to East Carter.

West Carter's Holly Adams (30) kept the Comets close with a putback, but Walker calmly knocked down a pair of free throws to send the Raiders into halftime leading 23-21. With 2:11 left in the half, West's Kinleigh Kiser (43) came up with a big block, but East carried the energy into the locker room.

The second half belonged to the Raiders.

Walker opened the third quarter with another strong finish inside, but West answered with a layup from Holbrook to stay within striking distance. East responded with a steady dose of Walker in the paint, a layup, another finish off an assist from Hall, and a putback that stretched the lead to 36-25 with 2:43 left in the third.

Rudd continued her strong night with an and one and another steady

finish, helping East Carter close the quarter on a 40-25 advantage. West Carter moved the ball well but struggled to convert, unable to finish possessions as the Raiders' defense tightened.

Holbrook opened the fourth with another bucket for West, but East countered with fresh legs as Mullins, Jenna Goble (20), and Kharlie Rutledge (2) checked in. Adams pulled down a key rebound for the Comets, and Kiser re-entered to bolster West's

interior, but the Raiders maintained control.

With 4:25 remaining, Boggs buried a pull up jumper to push the lead to 42-27, sealing the momentum for good. West added one final basket, but East Carter closed out a steady, disciplined second half to secure a 42-30 rivalry win.

Contact the writer at [news@cartercountytimes.com](mailto:news@cartercountytimes.com)

**Food Pantry** from A-1

as income against food benefits) and often paying for their own healthcare and medicines can barely scrape by on their own and still must somehow make sure their grandchildren have food to eat and other necessities.

"We have grandmothers and grandfathers that come in and say without this (food pantry) they couldn't make it through the end of

the month," Wilburn said.

Food insecurity is far too prevalent, especially in Eastern Kentucky, Wilburn said. And part of the reason for that is that food has become increasingly expensive. Recently she said she went to pick up groceries just for the Sunday meal and spent \$90 at the grocery store.

"By the time you buy 30 dollars in meat, a

couple of vegetables, and something for dessert it really adds up quick," she noted.

Wilburn said that The Daily Bread Food Pantry is currently serving 750 families per month in Carter County.

"We don't take any money at all," she said. "If they show up and they're hungry, we give them food. We will give it as long

as we have it. And God has stretched that out to where we have never had to let anyone leave without food."

"It has been a blessing to us. We have great volunteers, and there are 11 churches of different denominations represented," she said.

Wilburn's church, Grayson Freewill Baptist, is the host but they share

any extra with the other churches and their congregations so that more need can be answered.

The Daily Bread Food Pantry is a 501c3 organization, so all donations are tax deductible. Donations can be in the form of a check made out to the Daily Bread Food Pantry. Contributions can be mailed to Grayson Freewill Baptist, and they are cur-

rently in the process of setting up a business PayPal. Daily Bread also banks at Citizen's National Bank in Grayson, and that bank is set up to accept donations for them as well.

"Or you can just reach out to me on Facebook," Wilburn said. "And I'll be glad to help them help."

Contact the writer at [charles@cartercountytimes.com](mailto:charles@cartercountytimes.com)

# Olive Hill receives award from FIVCO

By Charles Romans  
*Carter County Times*

The City of Olive Hill met for their regularly scheduled meeting on December 16; however, Mayor Jerry Callihan was unable to attend, leading councilman Kirk Wilburn to fill in as Mayor Pro Tem. The council approved minutes from previous minutes before moving on to current city business.

As part of that current business Janey Orcutt, from FIVCO, presented the council with a plaque in recognition of its partnership with regional development and improving quality of life for the citizens of Northeast Kentucky. FIVCO regularly works with local government and other organizations throughout their area development district.

In other business, the council received an update from Bluegrass Engineering on the Tygarts Creek Pump Station Project. The council was made aware that the project is in the wrapping up phase and the sewer lines will soon be tied in. The clear wells have been finished, and the leak detection has been completed, Bluegrass

reported. Bluegrass also reported that there will be some funds left, and there will be other projects those funds could be applied to finishing.

One problem with leaks that was discussed was that the percentage of water loss has increased over the past month, rising to over 60 percent from its lowest point at 50 percent. This is caused mainly due to an old system which, as discussed in previous meetings, springs a new leak after an old leak is repaired. Bluegrass told the council that it would not be possible to make a lot of progress in lowering the percentage of water loss until a project to replace aging, damaged lines was completed.

The council also discussed the new ordinance concerning electric rates, with councilman Eric Rayburn pointing out that this could be affected by the city's aging infrastructure, and the fact that some locations such as the water plant were not currently metered. It was also discussed that there could be some energy loss due to older meters not reading to the highest degree of accuracy, and that the city

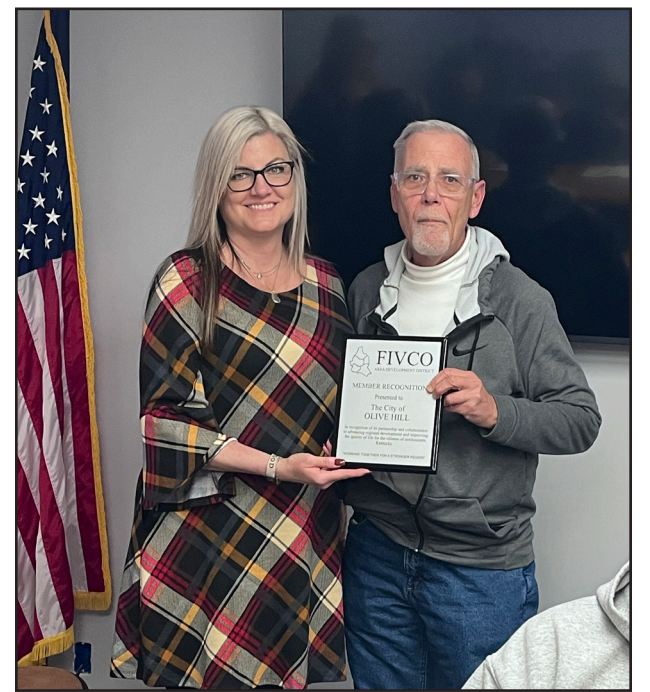
should look into the cost and potentially funding to update those meters.

Newer meters would read daily as opposed to the older meters reading monthly. This, Rayburn told the council, would be more accurate and reduce energy theft because it would make it more difficult to bypass the meter and make use of electricity the city is still paying for once used. According to Rayburn's research, he said, the city loses over \$100,000 a year to energy theft.

The council also discussed the need for a meeting of the Code Enforcement Board. Certified letters had been sent out to

five property owners who currently have code violations. The next step would be the meeting of the Code Enforcement Board to discuss action against those properties, but it is unclear when that board last held a meeting.

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Olive Hill city councilman Kirk Wilburn accepts a plaque from FIVCO's Janey Orcutt on behalf of the city of Olive Hill. (Photo by Charles Romans, Carter County Times)

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